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WARRANTS OUT FOR SIDNEY B. HARRISON AND ALICE E. MALONE; \$32,000 THEFT CHARGE

U. S. TROOPS TOLD TO SHOOT MEXICANS WHO FIRE OVER LINE

War Department Sends Orders
to Major McNamee at
Presidio, Where Some of
Refugees Sought Haven.

Attack on Violators of Neutral-
ity Law May Be Taken as
Virtual Declaration of War
by This Country.

Apprehension exists today in official circles regarding conditions at Ojinaga, Mexico, where a clash between the federal refugee soldiers from Chihuahua and their rebel pursuers is momentarily expected.

Ojinaga is directly across the international border from Presidio, Tex., where a large force of United States soldiers, under Major McNamee, is concentrated. It was learned today that Major McNamee has been ordered by the War Department to warn the combatants not to fire across the boundary into American territory.

Should these warnings be disregarded, Major McNamee has been ordered to return fire with fire, and, if necessary, to make a general attack on the offenders.

May Mean War.
These orders have been issued by the War Department with a full realization that such an attack by the American troops on the Mexicans might be taken as a practical declaration of war between the two countries.

At the War Department this morning it was said no official news has come from Presidio. Developments are anxiously awaited, however.

The rebels, according to latest reports, were massed at the entrance to Mula Pass, about eighteen miles southeast of Ojinaga. According to army experts here, the pass could be held by the federal forces for three weeks with a force of 500 men. According to unofficial dispatches reaching here today, however, the federal forces are already showing signs of demoralization, and that some of them had fled across the border. It is unofficially reported that Major McNamee has confiscated their arms and sent them back across the line.

Secretary of State Bryan is expected back in Washington Wednesday morning from Miami, Fla., where he has been spending the Christmas holidays. His return here will find awaiting him unofficial advice that the department has prepared to resign his position in favor of Enrique Goetz, minister of justice. In order that Goetz, might take command of the ministry, a final effort to quell the insurrection.

From what sources these advices came is not known although it was denied at the State Department today that they came from Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister in Mexico City.

John Lind, President Wilson's special envoy in Mexico, is still at Vera Cruz. According to the State Department, no messages have been received from him for about a week. All these messages are sent direct to the President or not divulged to other officials in the State Department.

Japanese Cruiser at Mazatlan.
That Japan is prepared, if necessary, to back up her demand for protection to her citizens in Mexico, was indicated this morning when the State Department was officially advised that the Japanese cruiser Idzuma has arrived at Mazatlan, on the west coast, where disturbances against foreigners have been reported. The Idzuma has been at Mazatlan, further down on the west coast, from which port it was reported several weeks ago, Huerta would make his escape in the event of his overthrow.

Telegraph communication is now open from Fort Rio Diaz to Monterrey and Saltillo.

Official dispatches from San Luis Potosi indicate there is no communication north beyond Venado. It is reported a train from Aguila, Chihuahua, was captured Sunday thirty-nine miles west of San Luis Potosi by a band of rebels under Garcia.

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High Living Cost Charged To Profits of Middlemen

500 PER CENT IN PROFITS

The long line of distributors and middlemen between the farmers and the consumers are in a position to take advantage of the market, and, to a certain extent, control the market in both directions, because they are better organized to keep informed of crops and market conditions, and to act promptly, than either farmers or consumers, who are not organized, and as individuals are helpless. The high prices paid by consumers, ranging from 5 to nearly 500 per cent, in some cases more than the farmer receives, indicate that there is plenty of room for lowering the cost of farm products to consumers and at the same time largely increasing the cash income per farm without increasing farm production.—From report of chairman of Crop Reporting Board.

EXPERT DECLARES PROBLEM SOLVED

No Relief in Increasing Production, Says Estabrook, as Law of Supply and Demand Is Nullified by Jobbers.

The elimination of a long string of middlemen who add from 5 to nearly 500 per cent to the cost of farm products to the consumer, rather than increased production, is the solution of the high cost of living, according to an official statement from the Department of Agriculture today.

While this year's crop was smaller in bulk than that of 1912, the cash value of farm products in the United States for 1913 broke all records, with a total of nearly \$10,000,000,000.

Prices Are Artificially Made.
Reviewing farm production and prices in the United States, experts of the Department of Agriculture declare that increased production or increased yield would not under present economic conditions benefit either producer or consumer. Leon M. Estabrook, chief of the Bureau of Statistics and chairman of the crop reporting board, says in effect that the long string of middlemen between the producer and the consumer reap all of the benefits. These men, he declares, are in a large measure able to control prices, and prices are promptly raised on a prospect of short crops, but are slow to decline when their is overproduction.

It seems from the reasoning in an official report from the department today that the consumers cannot possibly win, and that there is no incentive to the farmers to produce a greater food supply when a short crop brings more money.

Conditions, as shown in the official crop review, are astounding. It is conclusive that with droughts and other factors, reducing production the farmers receive a greater cash return, thus putting a premium on a short supply. This fosters a rising market for the food.

Conditions as shown in the crop review and the comment upon them, seem to challenge the previous statement from the department that the solution of high prices lay in increased production on the farms. A heavy crop last year brought the farmers less cash than a smaller aggregate crop this year. Last year, with a record crop, retail

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MISTRIAL IMMINENT IN SCHMIDT'S CASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—After deliberating for nearly twenty-four hours, the jury in whose hands rests the fate of Hans Schmidt, on trial for the murder of Anna Ammiller, was apparently as far away from reaching a verdict as it was an hour after the twelve men retired yesterday afternoon.

A mistrial seemed also to be threatening, owing to the illness of Juror W. P. Wyman, who is sixty-three years old. After the jury had discussed the case with the court for a short time at noon, a cot was carried into the room where the men were confined, and a report spread that Wyman's condition was more serious than indicated.

The Raleigh Hotel.
Tables are now being reserved for New Year's Eve. Admission by card only. Advt.

LATE ADDITION TO DIPLOMATIC SET



MADAME ALFREDO ALEMAN.

ATTACHE AND BRIDE HERE ON HONEYMOON

Panama Legation Member Married Shortly Before Coming to Washington.

An attractive addition to the Pan-American set of the Diplomatic Corps has been brought about by the arrival here of Madame Alfredo Aleman, wife of the new attache of the Panama legation.

The couple are in reality spending their honeymoon in Washington, having been married in the city shortly prior to the assignment of Senor Aleman to the Washington post.

Madame Aleman is a daughter of the secretary of state of Panama. She is of a decidedly Latin type and speaks English as fluently as she does Spanish. Madame Aleman is also a dancing enthusiast and with her husband will grace many social parties during the present season.

Yeggmen Make Haul in Kentucky Bank

PRINCETON, Ky., Dec. 30.—According to word brought here today the bank at Princeton, near here, was entered during the night by yeggmen, an old-fashioned safe blown, and between \$1,000 and \$10,000 stolen.

The robbers cut all telephone and telegraph wires in the village and made their escape.

SNORING GUARDIAN AWAKENS WILSON

Pass Christian "White House" Startled When Mississippi Knocked Over Jardinere on the Front Porch.

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Dec. 30.—Business was again taboored with President Wilson today. An eighteen-hole round of golf links at East Gulfport, an automobile ride to Biloxi and sleep constituted his program.

For the latter there was a reason. The Secret Service guards about the "little White House" have been augmented by local special police, who insist on doing a trick of duty about the cottage in the early morning.

Heard Peculiar Noise.
Early today a good part of the entire household in the cottage was awakened by a peculiar noise. It sounded like wood sawing. The center was apparently the big window underneath the Presidential bed room.

One of the Secret Service guards started to investigate. Before he got there, there was a crash of breaking crockery. Then a husky special policeman with an old-fashioned scotch-burning 45-caliber pistol clutched in his hand, was discerned.

He insisted that everything was all right and investigation revealed that it was. This guardian had simply gone to sleep leaning against the porch and as his custom had snored. But he lost his balance while sleeping and toppled over, carrying down with him a jardiniere containing a big fern. The noise awakened the Executive, and as a result he arose much earlier than usual and took a walk about the grounds surrounding the cottage.

Wilson Is Improving.
Dr. Cary Grayson said today that while the President's general condition is improving gradually and all traces of gripe have disappeared, he will need most of the period set aside for his vacation to shake off the nervous depression that followed the illness.

The President may make a tour of the coast in the revenue cutter Winona, but he will not do so unless the weather gets warmer. It was very cold and damp again today, making it necessary for the President to wear two sweaters on his tour of the golf links.

Presidential Primary Is Dropped by Wilson

President Wilson has dropped the Presidential primary idea, at least for the present. He has found the opposition in his party too strong, and he will not push it.

Whether the President intends ever to take it up again is not known, but inasmuch as he can never hope to have a firmer grip on the Democratic element in Congress than he now has, it is regarded as doubtful whether he makes any serious attempt to get legislation along this line.

The news that the Administration had abandoned the idea of pushing the Presidential primary was looked on as important in political circles here today. The Bull Moose leaders said the intended to press for legislation on subject as vigorously as ever. Progressive Republicans will do likewise.

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JUDGES MOVE TO PUNISH LEADERS IN LYNCHING PLOT

Chestertown Grand Jury Ordered to Indict Every Man Shown to Have Taken Part in Attack on Jail.

Advocates of Extreme Measures

Startled by Court Proceeding—Strategy of Sheriff Foils Second Outbreak.

CHESTERTOWN, Md., Dec. 30.—Stringent measures to break the reign of terror and mob rule which has marked this town since the jail was broken into on Saturday night, in an attempt to lynch Norman Mabel and James Paraway, colored, who are accused of the murder of James Coleman, were taken this morning by Judges Constable, Atkins, and Hopper, presiding over the extra session of court called to try them. Gazing coldly over the throng which, as yesterday, packed the small court room to suffocation, Chief Judge Constable, in strong terms, scored the action of the mob and sternly informed the grand jurors that they should hear every witness concerning the storming of the jail and bring indictments against every man whom they had evidence as implicated in it.

Has Names of Assailants.
While no indictments have yet been returned against the colored men, it is believed that the effort of the judges to restore law and order will hasten the taking of evidence against the men so that the grand jury may soon begin investigating the attack on the jail.

Stated the district judge that he has the names of several men who were among the throng that, defying the fire of the police, rushed into the jail, and they will be given to the grand jury.

The charges of the judge to the grand jury followed the night of unrest, during which only prompt action by the police in rushing George Deems, colored, who assaulted and severely beat William A. Dadda, a white storekeeper to the jail, and the determined front of the Baltimore policemen who were sent here to aid the local authorities, balked the vengeance of the angry Kent countians.

Quickly taking Deems to the lock-up, Sheriff Brown and State's Attorney Vickers, leaving half of their force to guard the building, rushed the rest of the mob into town. No crowd was allowed to form, and the curious people were kept moving so that the mobbing crowd could be convinced that the authorities were more than prepared for any trouble.

The perceptible confidence that they could adequately handle the situation had a most salutary effect upon the mob. The crowd, which had been so determined to break into the jail, now seemed to be satisfied with the action of the authorities.

The unexpected order of the judge to the grand jury to investigate the assault on the jail, which had been so recently rumored, would never be taken up has thrown terror into the advocates of extreme measures.

Urged to Remember Oath.
Many of those in the courtroom had been in the crowd which fought its way into the jail and as they listened to the measured instructions of the judge to the grand jury and realized that they might be facing a term behind the bars the spirit of vengeance and the lawlessness was given a most decided setback.

"This lawlessness and disregard for the majesty of the law must cease," said Judge Constable, "and men who take the law into their own hands must be taught that it is a most serious affair. It is your duty to the public to bring in indictments against every man whom the evidence shows was engaged in the attacks on the jail. I realize that perhaps some of them may be your neighbors and friends, but you have taken your oath as jurors to uphold the law, and I hope that you will be able to soon start hearing the evidence against the men concerned in that night's rioting."

Already State's Attorney Vickers has a number of names of those who attacked the jail and lined the courtroom, while the farmers jammed the courthouse, were furiously unwhipped and their owners drove hastily back to their homes.

Following the judge's charge several of the teams which had filled the courthouse square and lined the adjoining streets, while the farmers jammed the courthouse, were furiously unwhipped and their owners drove hastily back to their homes.

Then the husband became ill. For several weeks he lay sick, and on December 15 he was buried. The payments on the loan had to be met or the furniture might be taken away. The woman was without money, and what little she could get was needed to buy food and clothing for the children.

Detectors Evans and Warren made an investigation of the case, and today Joseph J. Wood, manager of the Household Loan Company, which is alleged to have loaned the woman the \$15, was arrested on a charge of violating the District "loan shark" law. The woman-year.

BROKERAGE FIRM SAY THEY TOOK RAILROAD STOCK

Warrants for the arrest of Alice E. Malone and Sidney B. Harrison were issued by the District Attorney's office this afternoon. Miss Malone is charged with the embezzlement December 19 of 100 shares of Philadelphia and Reading stock, valued at \$8,100 from the firm of Carpenter and Company, of New York, with offices in the Woodward building here.

Harrison is charged with the embezzlement on the same date of 300 shares of Philadelphia and Reading stock valued at \$24,000.

The warrants were asked by Joseph E. Johnson, general counsel for Carpenter and Company, who appears as complainant.

Miss Malone and Mr. Harrison are both absent from their homes, according to their respective families. They have not been at their homes since last Friday.

Sidney Harrison lives at the Octavia apartments where he has a wife and two children.

Miss Malone made her home with her mother and brother at 10 Eighth street southeast. She is the only woman director of a Washington bank.

Harrison and Miss Malone were employees of the Carpenter Company. Up to a week ago last Friday Harrison was manager and Miss Malone advisory manager. In reality Miss Malone was the head of the Washington branch.

Saturday, financial circles in Washington heard that Miss Malone and Harrison had disappeared and that the books of the company disclosed a shortage.

This was confirmed by a member of the firm. But owing to a desire to get a settlement, if possible, no warrant was asked for at that time.

Today Carpenter and Company, concluding that a settlement was impossible and having been unable to get in touch with either Miss Malone or Mr. Harrison, asked for the warrant.

"LOAN SHARK" FIGHT RENEWED BY POLICE

The Washington police today renewed its campaign against the "loan sharks" of the District.

Following the arrest the latter part of last week of the representatives of David H. Tolman, the "loan shark king," and that of today of Joseph J. Wood, manager of the Household Loan Company, announcement was made that the campaign against violators of the new regulations will be renewed.

In spite of the fact that several cases of alleged violations of the "loan shark" law are still in the police courts undecided, the police say they will make arrests wherever violations are brought to their attention.

FALLS INTO SHARKS' HANDS.

A poor woman, a widow, with two little children dependent upon her, came into Police Headquarters just before Christmas and told a pathetic story of how she had gotten into the hands of "loan sharks," and how, because of her inability to make future payments at exorbitant rates of interest, she feared what belongings she had, a few pieces of cheap furniture, were to be taken from her.

Last October, she said, when her husband was living and had a steady job, the family was in urgent need of money; she went to the Household Loan Company, 215 F street northwest, she told the police, and borrowed \$15 on the furniture. She gave eight notes of \$3 each, payable monthly. The interest rate was high, she knew, but then her husband was working and some way or other they would manage to scrape together the payments each month.

Husband Becomes Ill.
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LAND VALUE HAS GROWN 40 MILLION IN 3 YEARS

District Assessments for 1915 Figure Property in District to Be Worth a Little More Than \$380,000,000.

Assessor Richards Says Particular Attention Has Been Paid to Increases on Avenue of the Presidents.

Property values in the District have increased more than \$40,000,000 in the last three years, according to a statement today of Assessor W. F. Richards, in reference to the triennial assessment which is nearing completion. The valuation placed by the Board of Assistant Assessors on real property in the District for the fiscal year 1915 will approximate \$380,000,000. The principal increases have been in the business sections. Changes in the residential section have been few, although, according to the Assessor, there have been decided increases in the Avenue of the Presidents, Fourteenth street, and Massachusetts avenue extended. Numerous increases have been made in the suburban districts.

Assessment Due Monday.
The triennial assessment is required by law to be delivered to the assessor on or before the first Monday in January, 1916. Beginning on that date appeals will be received by the board of equalization and review, which consists of W. F. Richards, Assessor, and the five members of the board of assistant assessors—Alexander Macdonald, W. L. Beale, E. W. Oryster, Benjamin F. Adams, and E. M. Talbot.

"The work of the board has probably been more carefully pursued than in any previous year, and as a consequence, many changes have been made in land and improvement values," said Assessor Richards today.

"All sections of the suburbs have been affected, as there have been rapid changes during the last three years in suburban development and land values. In the city, changes have been chiefly in the business section, particularly between Seventh street and the Avenue of the Presidents and from D street north to H street. Here, valuations have been increased in varying proportions, and will amount to an addition of several million dollars.

Home Property Increases.
The Avenue of the Presidents has received special attention at the hands of the assessors. Values along the whole line of that thoroughfare have been increasing during the last few years. Notice of this fact has been taken by the board and increases in assessment have been made along the entire street, probably greater in proportion than along any other residential street. Increases also have been made along Fourteenth street extended.

"The opening of Massachusetts avenue and the development along it have caused an increase of values in that section of which due notice has been taken by the board.

"The board has been handicapped during the assessment period by a lack of field help and a thorough investigation of building values in particular cannot be made until more field help is supplied by Congress.

The period of appeals will end on the first Monday in June. In beginning the work of equalization and review, the board will depend principally upon written appeals. Later daily sessions from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. will be held, at which personal appeals will be heard.

Moyer Is Reported Resting Comfortably

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—President Charles H. Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, associated and departed from the Michigan copper country Friday night, was resting comfortably at St. Luke's Hospital today. Physicians reported a noticeable improvement in his condition following an operation yesterday, in which a bullet was removed from his back.